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SUBJ: OIL POLLUTION BILL PASSES SENATE

1. MAJOR BILL ON OIL POLLUTION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS RECENTLY PASSED BY IRANIAN SENATE. BILL NOW RETURNS TO MAJLES (LOWER HOUSE). IF MAJLES PASSES SAME TEXT, BILL WILL BE READY TO BE SIGNED INTO LAW, BUT IF MAJLES MAKES CHANGES, BILL WILL BE SUBJECT TO A CONFERENCE PROCEDURE.

2. BILL, TRANSLATION OF WHICH BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH, PROVIDES FINES FROM 1 MILLION TO 10 MILLION RIALS (ABOUT \$15,000 - \$150,000) AND "FELONY IMPRISONMENT" OF SIX MONTHS TO TWO YEARS FOR POLLUTERS. PENALTY IN CASE OF "CARELESSNESS OR NEGLECT" IS TO BE MINIMUM CASH PENALTY ONLY. GREATER PENALTIES, INCLUDING IMPRISONMENT, APPARENTLY RESERVED FOR CASES INVOLVING WILLFUL POLLUTION. BILL PROVIDES FOR SHIPS TO KEEP "OIL LOGS"

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AND HAS LIST OF EXEMPTIONS: PENALTIES WILL NOT BE APPLIED IN

CASE OF UNFORESEEABLE ACCIDENTS, UNINTENTIONAL POLLUTION WHEN ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED, OR WHEN POLLUTION RESULTS FROM ACTIONS REQUIRED IN CASES OF DANGER TO VESSEL'S SAFETY. BILL COVERS TANKERS OF 150 TONS AND OVER, OTHER VESSELS OF 400 TONS AND OVER, OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGS AND PLATFORMS.

3. IRANIAN LAWYER EMPLOYED BY OSCO TELLS US BILL COULD REACH FINAL APPROVAL WITHIN ABOUT A MONTH. SAME LAWYER, WHO IS EXPERT IN LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS AND WHO HAS TESTIFIED IN SENATE ON THIS BILL, HAS REQUESTED UP-TO-DATE US LAW ON OIL POLLUTION. WE HAVE SUPPLIED HIM TITLE 33 OF US CODE, 1970 EDITION, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THIS TITLE WAS EXTENSIVELY AMENDED IN 1973. THIS LAWYER TELLS US THAT MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE OF CURRENT IRANIAN BILL, INCLUDING THAT ON "OIL LOGS" AND EXEMPTIONS FROM PENALTIES, IS DRAWN RATHER DIRECTLY FROM INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON OIL POLLUTION OF 1954, AS AMENDED IN 1962 AND 1969. IRANIAN VERSION DOES NOT, HOWEVER, INCORPORATE LANGUAGE ADOPTED BY IMCO IN 1973.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COMMENT ON TEXT OF BILL NOW GOING BEFORE MAJLES, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIVING TRANSLATION OF TEXT. (B) PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP UP-TO-DATE TEXT OF US LAW ON OIL POLLUTION.
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